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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51(b), 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

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Search Report of German Patent Office dated 13 April 1999.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
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All of the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form are mentioned in the report of the German Patent Office dated April 13, 1999 in a related German patent application. The relevancy of the documents is evident from the German Search Report.

All of the documents relate to intaglio printing plates. An English language abstract of WO 97/48555 appears on the face of the document.

German GM 66 01350 shows a surface structure of a printing plate in the drawings.

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An English language abstract of Japanese published unexamined patent application No. 08282195 is submitted herewith. A complete copy of the document in the original Japanese language is not presently available to Applicants' attorney. The relevancy of the document is clear from the English-language abstract.

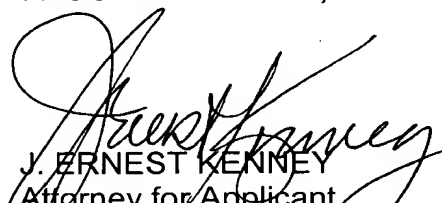
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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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